

## **REDLANDS NURSE PUTS VINTAGE TWIST ON UNIFORM**

### *Hospital Employee Skips the Scrubs at Redlands Community Hospital*

**Redlands, CA**—For almost two decades, Suzanne Eshleman, RN, 49, has come to work at Redlands Community Hospital dressed in white from head to toe. The charge nurse goes to work everyday in a dress, stockings, shoes and matching nursing cap.

While other nurses at the hospital don scrubs and lab coats, Eshleman spends her twelve-shifts in a knee-length dress and hat, reminiscent of the nurses of yesteryear.

“I think my uniform brings comfort to some patients,” says Eshleman. “Some people are thrilled because they know who their nurse is.”

In a time where lab technicians, volunteers, and even doctors, wear scrubs, Eshleman feels like her unique uniform gives her a feel of professionalism and a sense of tradition.

“I’ve wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl and always associated nursing with the traditional white uniforms,” she adds. “I have a rewarding job as a nurse, I’m able to help patients of all ages and am part of changing the outcome of their hospitalization in a positive way.”

Eshleman has the support of her family and the hospital and hopes to continue to wear her whites as long as she is a registered nurse. In her spare time, Eshleman, the mother of three, likes to watch her sons play baseball, garden, and play soccer.

“Sometimes when I come into work in regular clothes, the employees do a double take,” she says. “One patient once said, ‘wow, that’s old school’ but the response to my uniform is usually positive.”

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